(b) The Election Laws (Amendment)

Bill, 1999. 4 Hours

4. Consideration of the Motion regarding the

First Report of the Ethics Committee,

presented to the House on the

8th December, 1998 2 Hours

The Committee, on reconsideration, recommended 3 Hours, instead of 2 Hours, for the consideration and return of the Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 1999 relating to Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 1999-2000.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 13th December, 1999 will consist of:-

1. Consideration and return of the Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 1999 as passed by Lok Sabha.

2. Consideration and return of the Appropriation (Railways) No.4 Bill, 1999 after it has been passed by Lok Sabha.

3. Consideration and passing of:-

(a) Trade Marks Bill, 1999

(b) The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Bill, 1999.

4. Consideration and passing of the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability Bill, 1999 after it has been passed by Lok Sabha.

5. Introduction, consideration and passing of:-

(a) The Designs (Amendment) Bill, 1999

(b) The Explosive Substances (Amendment) Bill, 1999.

6. Consolidation and return/passing of the following Bills after they have been passed by Lok Sabha:-

(a) The Vice-President's Pension (Amendment) Bill, 1999.

(b) The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1999

(c) The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Protection Bill, 1999.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, before I go to the Calling Attention, the, hon. Member, Shri K.R. Malkani, wants to say something.

Re. Theft and Ransacking by Intruders in the House of Shri Gurudas Das Gupta in Delhi

SHRI K.R.MALKANI (Delhi) : Sir, something very serious has happened yesterday. It has happened to our friend, Shri Gurudas Das Gupta, who is an hon. Member of this House. While Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta was here, attending the House, some unauthorised persons entered his residence, confined his wife to one room and ransacked the other room. They are reported to have taken away some cash and jewellery. I am sure, there won't be much cash or jewellery in Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta's house. No thief, in his senses, would go to steal something from Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta's house. According to the press report, they were probably looking for some confidential papers, which fortunately, as it happened, had been kept by Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta in the other room in a hurry, where his wife had been confined. They could not get those papers. But they ransacked the House.

Another mysterious factor is that the telephone got disconnected, as long as these people were there. As soon as they left, the telephone connection was restored. The whole thing is disturbing. What is the state of law and order? We want proper law and order in the whole country. Delhi is the headquarters of the Government of India. It is the seat of Parliament, the Government of India, and most of the Members of Parliament live in this area. What are the security arrangements that have been made by the Government in this area? Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta is here. Maybe, he would